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DEPT PLEASE PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SECRETARY FROM KING

REF: AMMAN 3359

1. TEXT FOLLOWS MESSAGE REFTEL HANDED ME THIS EVENING (MAY 19)  
BY KING FOR SECRETARY AND REPORTING ON SADAT VISIT. TEXT  
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THE ROYAL PALACE

AMMAN, JORDAN

MAY 19, 1975

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FORD AND KINDLY ACCEPT BY DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY KINDNESSES INENJOYED THROUGHOUT MY STAY ON MY RECENT VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES. I SHALL EVER REMEMBER THE WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION WITH WHICH I WAS MET AND APPRECIATE GREATLY THE ATMPSHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE WHICH LED TO OUR FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON ALL MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST DURING THIS HIGHLY CRITICAL PERIOD AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST. WE ARE EVER PROUD OF THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN US OVER SO MANY YEARS AND THE FIRM TIES WHICH CONTINUE TO GROW STRONGER WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

I FELT IS IMPERATIVE, FOLLOWING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND IN VIEW OF HIS COMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT AND YOUR GOODSELF SOME OF MY IMPRESSIONS OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S CONCERNS. I SHARE WITH HIM THESE CONCERNS AND I HOPE THAT THE MEETING IN SALZBURG WILL REPRESENT A NEW CORNER-STONE IN TERMS OF EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN AND ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THAT THE JOINT DELIBERATIONS WILL LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL AND MEANINGFUL CONCLUSIONS.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

A. THE PRESIDENT IS MOST CONCERNED REGARDING THE PRESENT SITUATION. HE IS VERY ANXIOUS THAT THE CURRENT UNITED STATES FOVERNMENTS REASSESSMENTS OF POLICIES IN THE AREA SHOULD LEAD TO SOME DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS AND THE FORMULATION OF A NEW CONSTRUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE POLICY.

B. THE PRESIDENT IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT THE REASSESSMENT BE CONCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE MOMENTUM FOR PEACE BE REPAIRED. HE IS DEEPLY AWARE THAT THE ELEMENT OF TIMING IS URGENT AND THAT THE CHANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE MAY NOT BE WITH US FOR LONG UNLESS POSITIVE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE IS RESUMED VERY SHORTLY. HE HOPES, AS DO I, AND BELIEVES, AS I DO, THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE POSITIVELY TRENDS IN THIS AREA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE.

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C. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING GENEVA HE HAS SERIOUS APPREHENSIONS REGARDING WHAT MAY HAPPEN AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND OF A RESULTING DIS-ASTEROUS FAILURE. ALTHOUGH HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS THAT THE ARAB DEMANDS CONCTER AROUND THE RECOVERY OF ALL ARAB TERRITORIES LOST IN THE JUNE OF THE '67 WAR AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, IN RETURN FOR A LASTING PEACE,

HE IS NOT SURE OF WHAT THE SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN ATTITUDES ARE LIKELY TO BE WITH SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THESE ATTITUDES TO BE OF AN EXTREME NATURE. THE PRESIDENT HAS REFUSED, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, TO PERMIT THE SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS TO LIMIT HIS ABILITY TO MANOUVER AND ACT IN WHICHEVER WAY HE MAY DEEM FIT TO DIFFUSE THE SITUATION, AVERT DISASTER, AND MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. THE PRESIDENT FEELS THAT ALL MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE TO INSURE SUCCESS AND AVERT DISASTER AT GENEVA OR IN ANY OTHER FORUM

D. I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS MOST INTERESTED IN RECEIVING EARLY AND DEFINITE ASSURANCES OF A POSSIBLE AND DIRELY NEEDED AMERICAN INITIATIVE FOR FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ALONG THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FRONT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

E. I BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS MOST ANXIOUS OVER THE EGYPTIAN INTERNAL SITUATION, MUCH MORE SO THAN OVER THE ENORMOUS PRESSURES WHICH HE IS FACING WITH HIS COUNTRY WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD. HIS MAIN CONCERN IS THE VERY DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH HIS COUNTRY IS FACING. HE IS MOST ANXIOUS FOR ALL POSSIBLE HELP TO STABILIZE EGYPT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND TO GENERATE HEALTHY PROGRESS IN THAT FIELD. I'M SURE HE IS COUNTING ON MASSIVE HELP IN THAT REGARD THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH.

F. PRESIDENT SADAT WILL RAISE WHAT HE AND I FEEL IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE; NAMELY EGYPT'S WISH TO ACQUIRE AMERICAN MILITARY HARDWARE THROUGH PURCHASE AND WITH ALL THE ASSISTANCE THAT EGYPT COULD RECEIVE IN THAT REGARD IN TERMS OF LONG RANGE PAYMENTS FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT. HE WISHES TO DIVERSIFY AS A FIRST STEP THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR HIS ARMED FORCES. HE IS MOST

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UNHAPPY WITH THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD EGYPT AND I'M CONVINCED THAT HE IS SINCERE IN HIS WISH TO CURB SOVIET INFLUENCE NOT ONLY IN HIS COUNTRY BUT THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A GENUINE DESIRE AND NOT A TACTICAL MOVE ON SADAT'S PART. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT DIFFICULTIES YOU MAY HAVE IN MEETING SUCH AN EGYPTIAN REQUEST. I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME, BUT IN MY VIEW, MEETING SUCH AN EGYPTIAN DEMAND FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURED MILITARY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE AS SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT STEP IN TERMS OF ITS FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES AS THAT TAKEN BY THE LATE PRESIDENT NASSER AND ITS SUBSEQUENT RESULTS WHEN HE MOVED TOWARD THE EASTERN BLOCK FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT. I APPEAL TO OUR FRIENDS TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO MEET SADAT'S REQUESTS IN THIS REGARD.

PRESIDENT SADAT WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS FACING UP TO THE DIFFICULT TIMES WITH COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO LEARN THAT YOU, MY FRIEND, WERE

FACING UP TO THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WITH COURAGE AND FORTITUDE.  
HE HAS, AS I DO, THE HIGHEST OPINION OF YOUR GOODSELF AND A  
WARM SINCERE FRIENDSHIP FOR YOU. I SHALL BE LOOKING FORWARD  
TO MEETING PRESIDENT SADAT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HIS MEETING  
AND HOPEFULLY TO FURTHER CO-ORDINATE OUR EFFORTS FOR A BETTER  
FUTURE OF THIS AREA.

IN CONCLUSION KINDLY ACCEPT MY BEST REGARDS AND WARMEST PERSONAL  
WISHES.

(SIGNED)

SINCERELY,  
HUSSEIN

DR. HENRY KISSINGER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. USA

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